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1. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW FILED FORMAL MODE PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE MARAD OFFICE TO RIO, WITH RESPONSIBILITY TO COVER ALL COASTAL STATES OF SOUTH AMERICA. INTER ALIA, PROPOSAL CALLS FOR OFFICER TO RETAIN ATTACHE TITLE. THUS QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY (REFS B, D, AND E) IS RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION HERE.

2. DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL OPINION REGARDING RECIPROCITY, IS THAT CURRENT POLICY WOULD NOT PROVIDE FOR EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO SUNAMAM REPRESENTATIVE RESIDING IN NEW YORK CITY. EXCEPT FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF OFFICERS IN DESIGNATED FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL POSITIONS IN NEW YORK CITY, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, TO QUALIFY
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FOR DIPLOMATIC STATUS, UNLESS ATTACHED TO HIS COUNTRY'S

PERMANENT UN OR OAS MISSIONS, MUST BE ACCREDITED TO HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND MUST RESIDE AND PERFORM DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES IN THE CAPITAL AREA.

3. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, WHICH FAVORS RECIPROCITY, SUGGESTS THAT SUNAMAM REP BE ACCEPTED AS EXCEPTION. MARAD FEELS THAT SUNAMAM IS OF EQUIVALENT AGENCY STATUS AND THAT ROLE OF ITS REP, WHILE NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF MARITIME ATTACHE, IS SIMILAR, WITH BOTH POSITIONS INVOLVING EXTENSIVE OFFICIAL ECON/COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT GOB SHARES THIS OPINION AND THAT THIS IS PART OF BASIS, AT LEAST, FOR MENTIONING RECIPROCITY.

4. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SUNAMAM (I.E., FUNCTIONS, INSTITUTIONAL STATUS, HOW IT COMPARES WITH MARAD, ETC.) IN ORDER TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING RECIPROCITY.

5. IN ADDITION TO OUR CONCERN REGARDING RECIPROCITY, DEPARTMENT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MODE REVIEW, CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, OF ALL USG REGIONAL STAFFS ABROAD, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEIR CONTINUED LOCATION OVERSEAS IS WARRANTED. TO FACILITATE ASSESSMENT OF MARATT OFFICE IN THIS CONTEXT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BOTH CARACAS AND BRASILIA TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THE ARGUMENT, ADVANCED BY COMMERCE, THAT "ON-THE-SPOT SURVEILLANCE IS ESSENTIAL IF SUCH INFORMATION (AS THE MARATT COLLECTS OVERSEAS) IS TO BE ACCURATELY AND CURRENTLY COLLECTED." FYI. COLLECTION REQUIREMENT ARISES FROM TITLE II, MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1936, AS AMENDED (TITLE 46 USC). ACCORDING TO MARAD, MARITIME REP MUST CALL UPON LOCAL SHIPPING LINES, MARITIME LABOR UNIONS, SHIPYARDS, GOVERNMENT AND QUASI-GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN WHOSE ACTIVITIES RELATE TO THE CREWING, SUBSISTENCE, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRING, INSURANCE AND OPERATION OF MERCHANT SHIPS. THIS INFORMATION MUST CLEARLY SHOW BREAKDOWNS BETWEEN PROCUREMENT AREAS, PRACTICES, AND COSTS OF LABOR, MATERIALS AND SERVICES, ALL OF WHICH GOVERN FOREIGN OPERATORS' EXPENSES. END FYI.

6. FINALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF BRASILIA AND RIO IN DETERMINING WHAT THE ANNUAL COSTS WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN THIS OFFICE IN RIO, I.E., ANY ALLOWANCES, SAS AT POST, SAS INDIRECT AND DIRECT DOMESTIC AND ADMIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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